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VERMONT AS FARM STATE

Important Publication from Secretary of State's Publicity Office

CORRECTS SEVERAL ERRONEOUS IDEAS

Farms Larger than Average in United States—State Leads Union in Average Returns per Acre for Corn, Wheat and Oats.

The second of the more important publications of the publicity department of the secretary of state's office to be issued this year is "Vermont Farms," containing more than 125 pages, which has just come from the press. The greater part of the book is devoted to a setting forth in detail of the resources and opportunities of Vermont agriculture. This is followed by a long list of free publications having a bearing directly or indirectly upon Vermont agriculture and by a list of 233 farms and residential properties offered for sale representing every one of the 14 counties in the state.

The book endeavors to correct some of the prevailing misconceptions regarding Vermont farming. One of these is that Vermont farms are small, and the census figures are quoted to show that the size of the average Vermont farm is 142.6 acres while the size of the average farm in the United States is only 138.1 acres. Only two of the great farming states in the central West surpass Vermont in the size of the average farm. A few census facts are quoted relating to area, population, value of farm property, crops, domestic animals, etc.

An interesting and valuable article on Vermont soils by Prof. J. L. Hills, dean of the agricultural college of the University of Vermont, is embodied in the text. This article, prepared for the book by Professor Hills, shows that there are practically no abandoned farms in Vermont with the exception of certain areas that are better fitted by nature for forest than for agricultural purposes. He shows why Vermont soils are more fertile than those of some other states and calls attention to the fact that Vermont is far in the lead of other New England states in the matter of agricultural advisers and that few states in the Union are as well covered as Vermont in the way of public service. An article on expert aid for farmers written by Hon. E. S. Brigham, state commissioner of agriculture, is quoted in this connection and shows what excellent progress Vermont is making.

The subject of dairying is treated at considerable length and facts and figures are quoted from census reports and publications of the United States department of agriculture which show that taking into account area and population Vermont is the leading state in the Union. In the year 1912 practically 56,000,000 quarts of milk and 2,800,000 quarts of cream were shipped out of Vermont.

A series of tables is published, the first of which shows that Vermont leads the Union in the ratio of dairy cows per population, having one cow to 13 persons. Vermont ranks a notable record in pounds of butter per capita, with a record of 96.5 pounds. No other state approaches this record. Only three states produce half as much. Vermont leads the Union in average number of pounds of butter per cow with 133.3 pounds. In pounds of butter per square mile, Vermont is far in the lead of any other state. In dairy cows per square mile only one state leads Vermont.

Those persons who think Vermont farms are not fertile will do well to peruse the tables given, showing the average yield of staple crops per acre and the average price paid for such crops. Last year only eight states raised more bushels of corn per acre than Vermont. Vermont's average yield for the past four years was nearly twice the average yield for the whole country. The average price in Vermont paid farmers' December 1 for the last four years was 12.5 per cent greater than the average price paid throughout the United States.

Last year only five states, and those in the irrigated region of the West, raised more bushels of spring wheat per acre than Vermont. The average Vermont yield during the last four years was nearly twice that of the United States. The average price paid in Vermont during the last four years was more than 20 cents per bushel greater than that quoted for the entire United States.

Last year only seven states raised more bushels of oats per acre than Vermont. For the past four years Vermont's average yield has exceeded that of all the great potato growing states with the single exception of Maine. One of the largest commercial fertilizer companies last year offered seven prizes for the largest yields of best quality table-size potatoes. The second prize was awarded to George E. Burditt of Rochester, Vt., who raised 527.2 bushels from one acre.

It is regarded as significant that when southern farmers a few years ago were seeking the locality freest from potato blight for securing seed potatoes the department of agriculture at Washington should suggest that they



A scene from that big production of Helen Gardner as "The Wife of Cain," which will be shown at the Princess Theatre, today only, as one of the anniversary specials.

endeavor to obtain seed from E. S. Brigham of St. Albans, Vt.

Last year Vermont was one of four states tied for first place in yield of pounds of tobacco per acre.

For the 10-year period, 1870 to 1909, Vermont led the Union in average returns per acre for the three most important cereals, corn, wheat and oats.

Vermont's opportunities as an apple growing state are discussed at considerable length. In an article prepared for this book Arthur H. Hill, the well-known apple grower of Isle La Motte, says: "With the same care and attention to details practiced by the far western fruit growers, you can grow better fruit here in every way at less than one-quarter of the cost. There good orchard lands cost a thousand dollars per acre up. Here good orchard lands cost \$50 per acre up. It costs \$600 freight to put a carload of Oregon or Washington apples into New York city. It costs us here in Vermont \$50 freight on similar carload into New York."

An Oregon fruit grower is quoted as saying: "We have no hesitancy in saying that better flavored fruit can be produced in sections with winters like those of Vermont than in sections like Oregon and Washington where the winters are mild. The cold acts upon the trees as it does upon the human system, tending to invigorate the tree in every way and destroying the fungi and larvae which are injurious to the tree. We firmly believe that an acre in the East can be made to clear as great a profit as an acre in the West by applying western principles to fruit growing. It is the easterners that are making Oregon what it is. Why do they not put forth this effort to develop their native states where every thing is in favor of fruit culture?"

Attention is called to Vermont's great advantage over the Pacific coast states in nearness of markets. It is shown that within a radius of 500 miles from Montpelier there is an urban population exceeding 2,000,000, or at least half the urban population of the United States.

Articles are furnished on the agricultural schools at Randolph and Lyndon and on the state agricultural college. Several pages are devoted to examples of successful Vermont farming.

The comparatively low price of Vermont farm lands, coupled with the great agricultural opportunities of the state, certainly furnish inducements to non-prospective purchasers of a farm can afford to ignore. There is money to be made and comfort to be enjoyed in farming in Vermont.

Sporting Notes.

Capt. Wagner and Pitcher Wood have signed contracts for next season with President McAlister.

Mulvey with Fall River for 35 games hit for .252, which was a better average than he had with Brattleboro.

The Boston Americans will be without the playing assistance of Manager Carrigan as a result of an accident yesterday when he had the middle finger of his throwing hand broken during the game with St. Louis. Carrigan will be unable to play again this season and in all probability will not be able to take an active part in the post-season series with the Boston Nationals. The accident happened in the seventh inning. With Coxington on third base and one out, Agnew hit Wagner and was thrown out. Coxington dashed for home in the play and Engle threw to get him at the plate. The ball hit Carrigan's finger and a doctor who examined the finger said it was broken.

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UNCLE SAM'S LAST BIG LAND RAFFLE

Fort Peck Indian Reservation Thrown Open.

8,406 FARMS AVAILABLE.

Drawing Commences Sept. 1 and Will Continue Until the 20th For Homesteads, Which Are Worth on the Average \$25 an Acre—Terms of Payment Very Easy.

Nearly 9,000 160-acre farm homes will be drawn by the "lucky ones" as the result of the throwing open of 1,345,000 acres of land upon the Fort Peck Indian reservation in northeastern Montana early in September. This is the last great land drawing Uncle Sam has to offer his people and one of the greatest in the history of the government land openings in point of fertility.

Government agricultural experts estimate that when this vast stretch of soil is tilled it will add about 25,000,000 bushels of grain annually to the production of the United States—enough to feed an entire nation.

The interior department is making extensive preparations to rush a big corps of clerks to Glasgow, Havre and Great Falls, Mont., which are to be the registration points. These land offices will be open Sept. 1, and the work of filing for this land will then begin. The people will have a chance to continue filing until Sept. 20.

Good Chance For All.

The vastness of the area opened to white settlement is expected to make this one of the most alluring land openings ever presented to the people inasmuch as their opportunity of getting something in the drawing will be much better than in any previous land opening. For instance, when the Coeur d'Alene, Flathead and Spokane land drawings were held last year 50,000 persons filed and drew for the lands in those three Indian reservations, the total area of which was about one-fourth of the area to be opened upon the Fort Peck reservation.

Government officials do not believe that more than 75,000 people will file for the Fort Peck land. Hence the chances of drawing a quarter section in the Fort Peck reservation "lottery" are about four times as good as they have been in previous government land drawings. The actual value of this land is said by government agricultural experts to average about \$25 an acre. However, the government's appraisal for its opening to white settlement is only from \$2.50 to \$7 an acre, thus making real prizes for those who draw this land.

Method of Drawing.

The drawing will take place in this way. The names of all who file for land will be placed in a big box, and the envelopes drawn out one by one and numbered, until enough envelopes are taken from the box to correspond with the number of quarter sections available—8,406. Those getting the early numbers will, of course, get first pick of the land, in rotation, according to the numbers drawn. The actual settlement of the land will begin May 1, 1914.

Settlement is the same as under the homestead law, except that the appraised valuation must be paid—from \$2.50 to \$7 an acre, at these terms. One-fifth of the total down at time of entry and the rest in five annual payments. The settler, however, has the option of taking advantage of the new three year homestead law by paying for his land at the end of three years and thus proving up on it. That gives the man of small means a chance for his "white alley."

Half a dozen modern townsites already have been located by the government at points along the main transcontinental line of the Great Northern railway which runs through the Fort Peck reservation for 100 miles.

FLEET TO SAIL IN OCTOBER.

Mediterranean Cruise Will End In Time For Christmas Holidays.

Oct. 25 has been set as the date for the Atlantic fleet to start on its Mediterranean tour. Plans for the trip were discussed recently by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Rear Admiral Badger aboard the flagship Wyoming.

The fleet will return Dec. 20, so the sailors may spend the Christmas holidays at home. The ports at which it will call will be tentatively decided upon by Admiral Badger and submitted to the navy department.

Secretary Daniels also announced that the battleship Oregon, made famous by her run around Cape Horn from the Pacific to the Atlantic in the Spanish war, will come through the Panama canal next spring to lead the Atlantic fleet through to the Pacific.

Bartholdi's Last Work Unveiled.

The last work of Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor of the statue of Liberty, has just been unveiled at Belport, France, with impressive ceremonies by Antoine Rattier, the French minister of justice. It is a monument commemorating the three sieges of Belport in 1813, 1814 and 1870. It was left unfinished by Bartholdi and was completed by Louis Noel, one of his pupils.

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Sporting News

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

American League.			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	88	48	.647
Cleveland	81	58	.583
Washington	78	59	.569
Boston	70	64	.522
Chicago	72	68	.514
Detroit	59	78	.431
St. Louis	52	89	.369
New York	49	85	.366

National League.			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	91	43	.680
Philadelphia	80	49	.620
Chicago	78	60	.565
Pittsburgh	73	65	.529
Brooklyn	58	75	.436
Boston	58	75	.436
Cincinnati	50	82	.381
St. Louis	48	91	.345

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

American League.			
At Philadelphia,	8	7	12
Cleveland	6	9	12
Bosh, Plank, Bender and Schantz; Gregg, Stearns and O'Neil.			

At Washington	5	8	0
Chicago	0	10	1
Russell and Schantz; Groom, Shaw, Love and Henry, Williams.			

At New York	7	9	12
Detroit	5	6	12
Willett and McKee; Gibson; Fisher, Warhop and Sweeney, Reynolds.			

At Boston	6	13	2
Boston	3	10	0
Coffey and Carrigan; Cady, Wellman and Agnew.			

National League.			
At St. Louis—St. Louis-Brooklyn, rain.			
At Pittsburgh—1st game.	6	12	1
Boston	5	10	2
Pittsburgh	5	10	1
Quinn and Whaling; Rariden; McQuillan, Hendrix and Simon.			

At Pittsburgh—2d game.	6	15	1
Pittsburgh	1	4	3
Adams and Kelley; Rudolph and Rariden.			

At Cincinnati—called 10th, darkness.			
Cincinnati	2	11	1
Philadelphia	2	10	0
Rowan and Clark; Rixey, Alexander and Kilfer.			

At Chicago—13 innings.	4	14	0
New York	3	8	1
Chicago	3	8	1
Trescott and Meyers; Smith, Lavenier and Archer.			

FITCHBURG WANTS TO JOIN TWIN STATE

Method of Semi-Professional Baseball—Officials Attending Games Impressed with Large Crowds.

Fitchburg as a Twin State possibility is occupying the attention of the Twin State officials and supporters again, says the Fitchburg Sentinel. President Keyes of the league and Manager Donahue of Keene were at the game Saturday, and were deeply impressed by the size of the crowd. The week before Director Page of the Bellows Falls team was a visitor at the game and was also well pleased at the way the crowd turned out and the article of ball put up by the players.

Twin State players who have appeared in Fitchburg uniforms, such as Smith, Goodridge, Radford, Duggan and Ryan, claim that the followers of the league all over the district are taking Fitchburg as a likely place for a team. This city is considered a hotbed of semi-professional or independent baseball and the minor league managers would like to see a Twin State team installed here. They can't understand why places the size of Greenfield, Keene, Bellows Falls and other cities of the Twin State can't support a league team if Fitchburg can't.

Manager Sellers was asked as to the possibility of putting a team from that city in the Twin State and, in last summer, expressed himself as very much in favor of such a plan. Fitchburg has been threatened with New England league, Twin State and Tri-City leagues so long that the fans will probably find it hard to realize the possibility, but aside from the many appointments of the past it does look now as if a real attempt will be made to start something along league lines next summer.

Sporting Notes.

With the exception of a battery Manager Chance presented a team yesterday not a man of whom was with the Highlanders at the start of the season.

Kelley is traveling rapidly along the covered road traveled by most prize fighters. Now he declares that his statement that he faked the fight with Garms was false.

A pebble deflected an easy ball in the last inning of the first game between the Pirates and Braves yesterday and after that the Braves whanged out a victory.

Sam Richards, by making the swim from the Battery to Supply Hook in eight hours and 12 minutes, takes undisputed possession of the title of amateur swimming champion. The only other swimmer to negotiate the course was Captain Alfred Brown and he required 13 hours to make the trip. Richards says he will make the English channel swim next year.

President Lench of the National league announced yesterday that he had fined Manager Tinker of the Cincinnati club and Shortstop Marvynville of the Boston club \$50 each and first baseman Meyers, also of the Boston team, \$100 for fighting on the field during the first game of the double-header last Saturday. Tinker also was suspended three days for using abusive language to Umpire O'Day.